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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Oversight Committee
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SUBJECT: REVISED Implementation Update 25: Revised Community Support Rates

In Implementation Update #25 released on April 5, 2007, you were informed that the Department had reduced the Medicaid and IPRS reimbursement rates for Community Support Individual and Community Support Group. The purpose of this revised memorandum is to inform you of two important changes. The first deals with the effective date of the rate change and the other with the completion date of the current cost modeling exercise.

The Department will instruct its fiscal agent, EDS, to modify the effective date of the Community Support rate changes to April 5, 2007. Services provided on/after that date will be paid at the current rate of \$40 per hour. Providers that submitted claims for services rendered prior to April 5th (and were paid at the new rate of \$40) can have those claims repaid at the original rate of \$60.96 (Individual) and \$19.60 (Group), respectively. Providers who submitted claims for services rendered prior to April 5th, but whose claims were paid at the new \$40 rate, may resubmit those claims for adjustment.

The deadline for the Community Support cost modeling work group to finish their work has been considerably shortened. Instead of a deadline of early-to-mid May 2007, their work will now be completed by next week (Thursday, April 19th). The 20 participating Community Support providers, along with staff from DMA and DMH/DD/SAS, began meeting at 1 pm today and will continue meeting daily through next Thursday. Through this collaborative effort, we will establish a new interim rate. We look forward to providing you with an update next week.

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